

**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF DEFIANCE COUNTY  
DEFIANCE COUNTY, OHIO**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

**JERRY M. HAYES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**





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Board of Directors  
Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County  
1300 E. Second Street  
Defiance, Ohio 43512

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc. for the audit period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

April 21, 2014

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Independent Auditor's Report

Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County  
1300 E. Second Street, Suite 201  
Defiance, Ohio 43512

To the Board of Directors:

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County, Defiance County, Ohio, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County's financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinion.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County, Defiance County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the respective changes in financial position and its cash flows, for the years then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 21, 2014, on our consideration of the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Julian & Grube, Inc.  
February 21, 2014

**Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As of December 31, 2013 and 2012**

	2013	2012
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 42,426	\$ 9,854
Prepaid Expenses	-	1,000
Note Receivable	30,000	30,000
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(30,000)	(30,000)
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	42,426	10,854
<b>Property &amp; Equipment:</b>		
Office Equipment	15,364	15,364
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(14,653)	(13,668)
<b>Net Property &amp; Equipment</b>	711	1,696
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$ 43,137	\$ 12,550
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Accrued Payroll Taxes	\$ -	\$ 2,137
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	-	2,137
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	-	2,137
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Unrestricted	43,137	10,413
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	43,137	10,413
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	\$ 43,137	\$ 12,550

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



**Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012**

	2013	2012
<b><u>REVENUE:</u></b>		
Public and Private Support	\$ 253,167	\$ 215,286
Enterprise Zone Fees	3,350	4,920
Interest Income	24	36
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	256,541	220,242
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>		
Program Services: Economic Development	179,576	175,235
Supporting Services: General and Administrative	44,241	44,570
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	223,817	219,805
Change in Net Assets	32,724	437
Net Assets, beginning of year	10,413	9,976
Net Assets, end of year	\$ 43,137	\$ 10,413

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County**  
**Statements of Functional Expenses**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

	<b>2013</b>			
	Program Services	Supporting Services	Fundraising	Total Expenses
Advertising	\$ 22,157	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,157
Consulting	628	-	-	628
Depreciation	493	492	-	985
Fringe Benefits	13,302	2,347	-	15,649
Insurance	1,053	1,053	-	2,106
Interest	28	-	-	28
Legal and Professional	-	4,493	-	4,493
Memberships	2,716	2,716	-	5,432
Miscellaneous	1,374	1,374	-	2,748
Office Supplies	990	2,969	-	3,959
Postage	398	398	-	796
Promotion and Planning	12,607	-	-	12,607
Rent	9,495	3,165	-	12,660
Salary	100,869	17,800	-	118,669
Software	582	582	-	1,164
Staff Training	573	101	-	674
Telephone	6,752	1,192	-	7,944
Travel and Entertainment	5,559	5,559	-	11,118
	<u>\$ 179,576</u>	<u>\$ 44,241</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 223,817</u>
Total	<u>\$ 179,576</u>	<u>\$ 44,241</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 223,817</u>

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**Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County**  
**Statements of Functional Expenses**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2012**

	<b>2012</b>			
	Program Services	Supporting Services	Fundraising	Total Expenses
Advertising	\$ 18,224	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,224
Consulting	327	-	-	327
Depreciation	578	578	-	1,156
Fringe Benefits	20,732	3,658	-	24,390
Insurance	1,457	1,456	-	2,913
Interest	342	-	-	342
Legal and Professional	-	5,512	-	5,512
Memberships	1,677	1,677	-	3,354
Miscellaneous	322	322	-	644
Office Supplies	984	2,953	-	3,937
Postage	408	407	-	815
Promotion and Planning	14,242	-	-	14,242
Rent	8,764	2,922	-	11,686
Salary	93,042	16,419	-	109,461
Software	393	393	-	786
Telephone	6,641	1,172	-	7,813
Travel and Entertainment	7,102	7,101	-	14,203
	<u>\$ 175,235</u>	<u>\$ 44,570</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 219,805</u>
Total	<u>\$ 175,235</u>	<u>\$ 44,570</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 219,805</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012**

	2013	2012
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 32,724	\$ 437
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	985	1,156
Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	1,000	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Accrued Payroll Taxes	(2,137)	2,094
Total Adjustments	(152)	3,250
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	32,572	3,687
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>		
Payments on Long-Term Debt	-	(11,207)
Net Cash (Used In) Financing Activities	-	(11,207)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	32,572	(7,520)
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	9,854	17,374
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 42,426	\$ 9,854
<b>Supplemental Disclosures:</b>		
Interest Paid	\$ 28	\$ 342
Income Taxes Paid	\$ -	\$ -

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF DEFIANCE COUNTY  
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Nature of Activities** - The Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County (the "Corporation") is incorporated as a corporation, not for profit, under section 1724.01 of the revised code of the State of Ohio, to advance, encourage and promote the industrial, economic, commercial and civic development of Defiance County.

**Basis of Accounting** - The financial statements of the Corporation have been prepared on the accrual basis and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables and other liabilities.

**Basis of Presentation** - Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ASC 958, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under ASC 958, the Corporation is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. The Corporation does not have any temporarily restricted or permanently restricted net assets.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Corporation considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents for purposes of the statement of cash flows exclude donor restricted cash and cash equivalents.

**Accounts Receivable** - Accounts receivable are stated at unpaid balances, less an allowance for doubtful accounts. The Corporation provides for losses on accounts receivable using the allowance method. The allowance is based on experience and other circumstances. It is the Corporation's policy to charge off uncollectible accounts receivable when management determines the receivable will not be collected.

**Property and Equipment** - Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation for financial reporting is computed using accelerated methods and for federal tax reporting is computed using the modified accelerated cost recovery method. Expenditures for major renewals and betterments that extend the useful lives of property and equipment are capitalized. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

**Management Estimates** - Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Income Tax Status** - The Corporation is a not-for-profit organization that the Internal Revenue Service has determined to be exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Corporation's federal Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Returns for 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 are subject to examination by the IRS, generally for three years after they were filed.

**Advertising** - Advertising costs are charged to expense as incurred.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**Expense Allocation** - Directly identifiable expenses are charged to programs and supporting services. Expenses related to more than one function are charged to programs and supporting services on the basis of management estimates. Administrative expenses include those expenses that are not directly identifiable with any other specific function, but provide for the overall support and direction of the Corporation.

**Restricted and Unrestricted Revenue** - Contributions received are recorded as increases in unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

Unless specifically restricted by the donor, all contributions and grants are considered to be available for unrestricted use in the activities of the Corporation.

The Board of Directors has discretionary control of the unrestricted net assets to use in the activities of the Corporation.

**NOTE 2 - NOTE RECEIVABLE**

Note receivable consists of the following:	<u>12/31/13</u>	<u>12/31/12</u>
Note receivable from Northwest Ethanol, LLC (a limited liability company), dated October 19, 2001, maturing June 30, 2005, due in 3 annual payments of \$10,000 beginning June 2003, including interest at a fixed rate of 2.0% unsecured. Northwest Ethanol is delinquent in all of the principal payments and \$2,103 of interest payments.	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
Amount due within one year	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Amount due after one year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Although Northwest Ethanol still exists, the building of the ethanol plant in Hicksville, Ohio, has been taken over by New Energy Corporation. The outcome of Northwest Ethanol's negotiations with New Energy Corporation will determine whether or not Northwest Ethanol will have funds to repay the loan. Because of the uncertainty of the negotiations, the fact the loan is unsecured, and none of the scheduled principal payments have been made, management feels the loan is impaired and that an allowance equal to the loan should be made. Any future interest payments received on this loan will be recognized when received.

**NOTE 3 - RETIREMENT PLAN**

The Corporation maintains a Simple retirement plan for qualified employees. The Corporation contributes 3% of the employees' compensation to the plan. Contributions for 2013 and 2012 were \$2,271 and \$2,551, respectively.

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**NOTE 4 - CONCENTRATION**

For the year ended December 31, 2013, the Corporation received 58% (54% in 2012) of its revenue from Defiance County, City of Defiance and the Village of Hicksville.

**NOTE 5 - LEASES**

Beginning October 21, 2005, the Corporation began leasing office space at 1300 East Second Street, Suite 201 from the Defiance County Commissioners. Rent is being charged at a rate of \$973.88 per month for 2013 and \$973.88 for 2012. The lease is renewable each year for a period of one year. Lease expense was \$12,660 and \$11,686 for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

**NOTE 6 - SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On February 20, 2014, the Board determined the note receivable to be uncollectible and approved to remove the note receivable from the Corporation books.



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**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance  
and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County  
1300 E. Second Street, Suite 201  
Defiance, Ohio 43512

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County and have issued our report thereon dated February 21, 2014.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.



Board of Directors  
Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Community Improvement Corporation of Defiance County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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February 21, 2014

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**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

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MAY 8, 2014**